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SUBJ: CODEL SCHWEIKER

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1. ON MARCH 31, CODEL SCHWEIKDER HAD INTENSIVE THREE-HOUR BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION AT AMEMB BRUSSELS LED BY USNATO CHARGE PEREZ, USNATO DEFENSE ADVISOR LEGERE, USMILREP ADM WEINEL AND SACEUR/USCINCEUR GEN HAIG. GENERAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WERE: POLITICAL OVERVIEW OF ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE ON MBFR, SALT AND CSCE; POLITICAL HEALTH OF ALLIANCE, INCLUDING MAJOR PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN REGION; POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DETERIORATION ON DEFENSE SPENDING; MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO GET MAXIMUM VALUE FROM DEFENSE RESOURCES IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OONG TERM; PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF NUNN AMENDMENT; AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CRISES ON SOUTHERN FLANK.

2. GENERAL HAIG'S REMARKS WERE ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE AND WELL

RECEIVED. HE NOTED THAT SOME MALAISE AMONG CERTAIN SOCIETIES DID EXIST, A PROBLEM COMPOUNDED BY SOCIO/ECONOMIC FACTORS, LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS EXPLOSION. NEVERTHELESS, HE EMPHASIZED THE HIS TALKS WITH HEADS OF STATE AND MILITARY LEADERS IN ALL NATO CAPITALS HAVE REVEALED GREATER ALLIED AWARENESS THAT MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE FORM THE BEDROCK OF THE ALLIANCE. CONCERNING MILITARY ASPECTS, GEN GAIG EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT NUNN AMENDMENT HAD PROVEN TO BE A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT. US FORCES IN EUROPE NOW HAVE TEETH-TO-TAIL RATIO APPROACHING 65 PERCENT WITH SOME FURTHER IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. GEN HAIG POINT OUT THAT A LINE EXISTS BEYOND WHICH AN ARMY'S EFFECTIVENESS WILL DECREASE BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE TAIL. RECENT NATO COMMAND POST EXERCISE WINTER 75 SUGGESTED DIFFICULTIES IN RESUPPLY OF SOME ACE FORCES AFTER ABOUT ONE WEEK. THESE DIFFICULTIES EVEN EXTENDED INTO AREAS SUCH AS INABILITY TO BURY THE DEAD. GEN HAIG HAS ORDERED A TEETH-TO-TAIL ANALYSIS. OTHER AREAS RECEIVING HIS EARLY ATTENTION ARE COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN NATO FORCE STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER COMMON INTELLIGENCE BASE. GEN HAIG DESCRIBED US FORCES IN EUROPE AS "IMMEASURABLY IMPROVED" OVER TWO YEARS AGO AND GAVE EXAMPLE OF SOME COMPANY COMMANDERS BEING IN THEIR THIRD COMMAND TOUR. DEFICIENCIES STILL EXIST IN SOME AREAS, SUCH AS QUALIFIED E-5 AND E-6 NCO'S. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE NCO TODAY HAS BEEN "PLUGGED BACK INTO THE SYSTEM" AND HOLDS KEY LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. TURNING TO THE FLANKS, GEN HAIG DESCRIBED THE RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AS A "TRUE REVOLUTION" IN WHICH IT APPEARS THAT A DISTINCT MINORITY OF 10 OF 15 PERCENT IS PROPELLING THE REVOLUTION TOWARD A DICTATORSHIP OF THE LEFT. IN SPAIN, FORCES ARE ALSO IN MOTION TO CHANGE THAT SOCIETY; THIS CHANGE MAY NOT BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE. CONCERNING TURKEY, GEN HAIG EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT TURKISH LEADERS WILL NOT BE PRESSURED INTO CONCESSIONS BY THE CUT-OFF OF US AID. IN FACT, JUST THE OPPOSITE REACTION MAY DEVELOP WITH POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF US FORCES FROM FACILITIES IN TURKEY AND A SERIOUS IMPACT ON TURKISH RELATIONS WITH NATO. A SHORT-SIGHTED US POLICY COULD INCREASE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBILITY OF A MILITARY TAKE-OVER AS TURKISH FRUSTRATIONS BUILD. GEN HAIG FELT THAT THE TURKISH MILITARY LEADERSHIP WILL NOT STAND BY AND WITNESS THE DETERIORATION OF THEIR FORCE STRUCTURE. THESE CONDITIONS LEAD TO STRONG PROSPECTS FOR AN INCREASE OF TENSION IN THE AREA.

4. CODEL RESPONSE TO ALL PRESENTATIONS WAS POSITIVE AND HELPFUL. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS CENTERED AROUND MAGNITUDE OF EUROPEAN MONETARY, MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIANCE DEFENSE; PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED US FORCE STRENGTH IN VIEW OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS; AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF NEED FOR CONTINUED ALLIANCE DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE. CODEL APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH

PRESENTATIONS AND WITH ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.PEREZ

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